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SUBJ: MEETING OF GULF OIL STATES WITH INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES

SUMMARY: TWO-DAY MEETING OF EXPERTS OF GULF OIL PRODUCERS WITH
INTERNATNIONAL OIL COMPANIES HELD IN RIYADH OCT 1 AND 2. KEY
EFFORT WAS TO BRIEF COMPANIES ON WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT TO
RECEIVE IN WAY OF DEMANDS AT VIENNA MEETINGS BEGINNING OCT 8.
PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS GIVES NO DETAILS BUT MEETINGS LASTED WELL
INTO RAMADAN EVENING HOURS AND MINISTER YAMANI FEELS OPEC
NEGOTIATIONS ON TEHRAN AGREEMENT LIKELY BE OVER BEFORE OCT 16.
END SUMMARY.

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1. PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING TWO-DAY MEETING IN RIYADH OCT 1 AND 2 OF GULF OIL PRODUCERS GAVE NO DETAILS ON WHAT THE INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES WERE TOLD THEY WOULD FACE IN UPCOMING VIENNA TALKS ON RENEGOTIATIONS OF TEHRAN AGREEMENT. MINISTER OF PETROLEUM YAMANI CHAIRED MEETINGS OF GULF OIL EXPERTS. SAYYED ALI JIDA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PETROLEUM MINISTRY IN QATAR, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING QUOTE INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES UNQUOTE WERE FULLY BRIEFED ON POINTS OF VIEW OF OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES CONCERNING AMENDMENT OF TEHRAN AGREEMENT.

2. COUNTRIES WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE INCLUDED KUWAIT, IRAQ, ABU DHABI AND QATAR. IRAN, WE ARE TOLD, FAILED TO APPEAR THOUGH IT WAS INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE. FAILURE ATTRIBUTED TO A QUOTE MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE DATE UNQUOTE. YAMANI MET WITH GROUP EVENING OCT 2 UNTIL 11 P.M. BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANY BASIC DISAGREEMENTS NOR REASONS WHY MEETING OF MINI-OPEC NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. ALL COMPANIES WHO SIGNED TEHRAN AGREEMENT SET REPRESENTATIVES TO BE BRIEFED ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM. YAMANI INFORMED ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THAT HE WOULD BE ABSENT, HE HOPED, LESS THAN ONE WEEK FOR VIENNA CONFERENCE, AND PLANNED RETURN TO RIYADH BY OCT 16.
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